

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 164

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

January 20, 2011

An act to amend Section 14017.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 164, as introduced, Hayashi. Medi-Cal: cards.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which basic health care services are provided to qualified low-income persons. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions. Under existing law, the department is required to issue each person who is eligible for Medi-Cal, as specified, with a card certifying his or her status, identification number, expiration date, and his or her entitlements, insofar as these do not require specific prior authorization.

This bill would require the department to implement a system whereby health care personnel with access to a person's Medi-Cal card are made aware if the person has previously accessed mental health services through the Medi-Cal system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14017.8 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 14017.8. (a) Each person eligible under Section 14005.1 and
2 each person eligible under Section 14005.4 or 14005.7 who is
3 certified eligible shall be provided, by the department, with a
4 Medi-Cal card certifying his or her status, identification number,
5 expiration date, and his or her entitlements, insofar as these do not
6 require specific prior authorization. The department shall determine
7 the form of the Medi-Cal card. The cards shall be for a term as
8 determined by the department and, unless canceled for cause, shall
9 entitle individuals to care and service as indicated. Cause for
10 cancellation shall exist when the person dies, loses state residence,
11 is found to be ineligible, or has been issued a new Medi-Cal card.

12 (b) *The department shall implement a system whereby health*
13 *care personnel with access to the Medi-Cal card provided to an*
14 *eligible person pursuant to subdivision (a) are made aware if the*
15 *person has previously accessed mental health services through*
16 *the Medi-Cal system.*